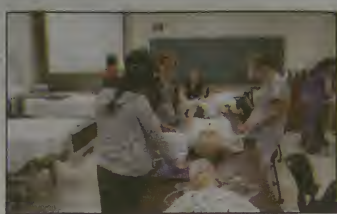


## Nursing plans change

Students and teachers continue to work in small spaces due to lack of funding for the new building.

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## National champions

TJC tennis program continues to thrive after both teams win at nationals.

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## Safety for students increases

By Stacey Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

This semester started with several changes being implemented to improve safety and reduce crime on campus.

"We started seeing that in our evaluation from students, there was a pattern where people were not feeling safe. So its change was student-driven," said Thomas A. Johnson, executive director of Campus Safety. "Now we are doing what the students asked for."

According to Johnson the comments from students included:

"Would you please check IDs to make sure people are where they are supposed to be," "we can't walk in front of Rogers Student Center because it's always crowded with people," and "boys are giving cat calls because they are just hanging around."

Students and faculty are now wearing lanyards with ID cards to distinguish them from others on campus. One can walk around Rogers Student Center and observe that traffic is flowing and students are not crowding in a single spot.

"We are going to be pro-active, identify who does not belong here, trouble-makers and who is hanging around the Rogers Student Center," TJC President Michael Metke said.

Staff has increased in the campus safety department and 200 security cameras have been added on campus to offer 24-hour surveillance.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is a method that Campus Safety is using to promote crime prevention. It includes placing signage to present safety messages and warnings around campus. This method also includes using landscaping enhancements to improve visibility and security.

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## TJC carries on homecoming traditions

By April Miller  
Student Life Editor

The week of homecoming is a week rich with traditional activities that are all part of TJC's history, present and future. Students are encouraged to participate in order to keep these long-standing customs alive.

Student involvement is crucial when it comes to carrying on the Apache spirit. Many traditional events occur during the week of homecoming that unquestionably depend on student participation.

Throughout the week of homecoming one can expect to smell the aroma of backyard foods, see campaign posters all around the campus, students cheering and the sound of a tempo drum beat so powerful that it can be felt in your chest.

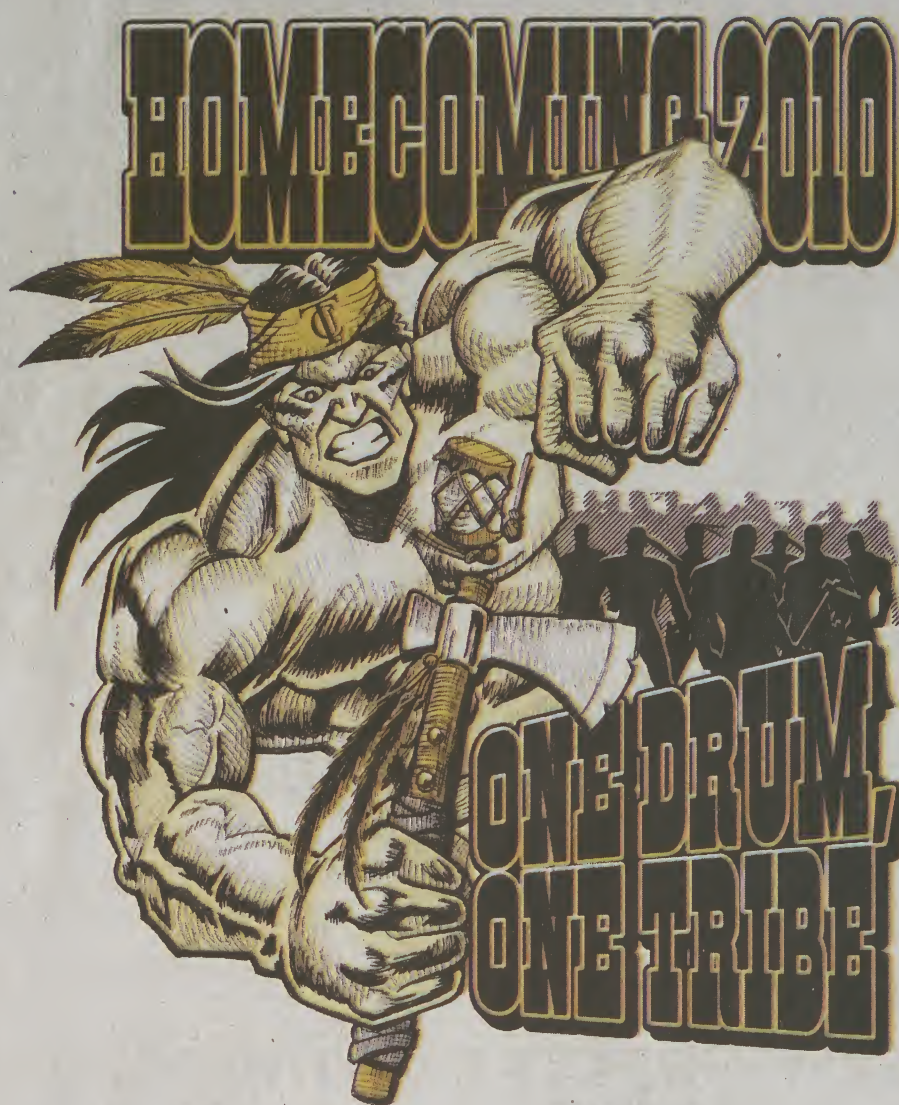
"One of the longest traditions that we have is beating the drum, which we have been doing since 1948," said Vincent Nguyen, Director of the Center for Student Life & Involvement. "It is said that if the drum ever stops beating, we lose the homecoming game. One year, the drum stopped beating and all during the game it rained, hailed, and thunderstormed. Although, we didn't lose, we ended up tying in a five-to six-hour game that would normally only last three hours."

Organizers rely upon 40 organizations to sign up for the drum beating. Individual students can also sign up. Shifts for beating the drum are meant to be one-hour increments. The drum beating is to last from Monday, Sept. 13 at 8 a.m. until Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.; the kick off at the homecoming game.

The official schoolwide pep rally is held before the homecoming game. The student body, faculty, Apache Belles, cheerleaders, band members and football players all come together to celebrate the long-awaited homecoming pep rally at Pat Hartley Field. However, due to construction this year, the game will be held at Rose Stadium.

"The pep rally is so live and full of excitement, it makes you feel really crunk for the up and coming homecoming game," said Taja Summers, a TJC student. "It's cool to me that we can all be a part of cheering the football team on to victory. You can tell that it's a tradition by the liveliness and energy."

What is a big homecoming game without a homecoming king or queen? Every year the student body elects a king and queen.



"Every organization can nominate someone for king or queen, and each organization is supposed to help that person win," said Zarrick Cannon founder of TJC's Black Student Association. "A student has to be in an organization in order to run for homecoming king or queen."

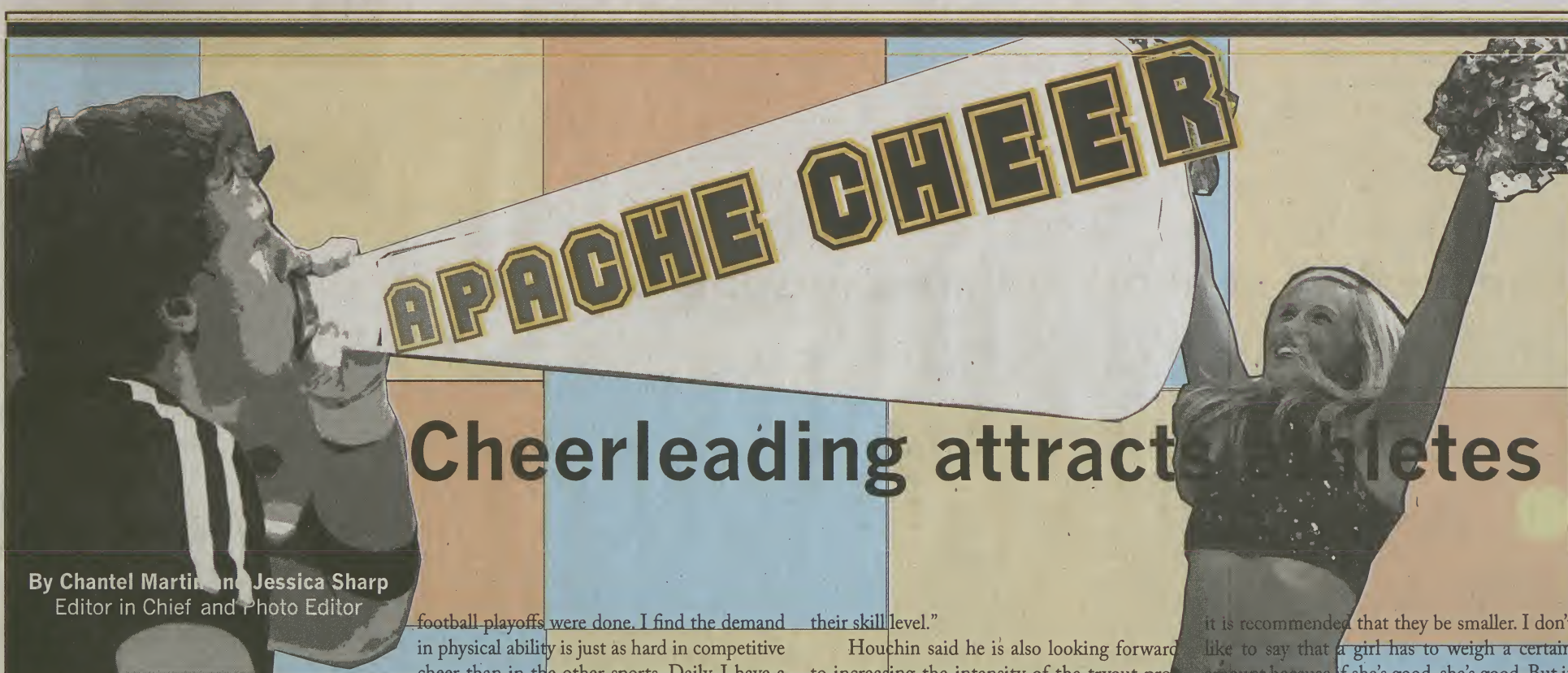
Nominees and the organizations supporting them spend time running campaigns and finding ways to show the student body why they should be elected homecoming king or queen. It is left in the hands of the student body to vote

and elect the king or queen.

"In the past when I've voted for homecoming queen or king, I've looked at what they represent," said Lauren Walker, a TJC student. "They should represent elegance, respectfulness, responsibility and have a lot going for themselves."

The announcement of homecoming queen or king takes place at the homecoming game.

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## Cheerleading attracts athletes

By Chantel Martin and Jessica Sharp  
Editor in Chief and Photo Editor

Attending class, studying and working out is the basic routine for most students. But for Gabriel Campos, his schedule must include time for running, jumping, tumbling and lifting; girls that is. Campos is a cheerleader on the Apache Cheerleading Squad.

"I grew up playing soccer at every competitive level and Division I football," he said. "I excelled at both, but I didn't pick up cheerleading until my senior year of high school when

football playoffs were done. I find the demand in physical ability is just as hard in competitive cheer than in the other sports. Daily, I have a human being on top of me. I constantly have to squeeze and find muscles in my body I didn't have."

Cheerleading coach Zach Houchin said he has a strict training program to prepare the team for games and competitions.

"I like to have them all sweating before they leave," he said. "I'm just doing it how I think it should be done and running things the way that I feel is the best for them as far as

their skill level."

Houchin said he is also looking forward to increasing the intensity of the tryout process.

"The auditions are the same as it was when I was here (2005-2006)," he said. "My goal is to have a more advanced tryout process. I do like to have some alternates so that if I need to replace someone I can."

Like the Apache Belles, the cheerleading team also has a weight requirement.

"It's more understated than that of the Belles," Houchin said. "For the girls to be flyers

it is recommended that they be smaller. I don't like to say that a girl has to weigh a certain amount because if she's good, she's good. But it is highly recommended that they aim for under 115 pounds."

Houchin said cheerleading is just as demanding as other sports on campus.

"Cheerleading requires a whole lot of different athleticism that football doesn't require," he said.

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### Rebuilding Again

Residents wait to register so they can return to their homes in San Bruno, California on September 12, 2010, following the aftermath of a huge natural gas explosion last Thursday. Read the whole story at www.tjcnewspaper.com.



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## Newspapers revamped; not deceased

By Chantel Martin  
Editor in Chief

"Newspapers are dead."  
If you're reading this, hopefully you are smart enough to realize that they are not.

This assumption was most likely made by those individuals who believe that print journalism is not as convenient, accessible or interesting as it was in previous years.

They were apparently reading the wrong newspapers.

The Apache Pow Wow, along with other publications, has begun to evolve in order to meet the needs and demands of the readers. And as time passes on, we are becoming more digital.

The Apache Pow Wow website has gotten a makeover and, unlike the TJC homepage, the newspaper site is more student-friendly. Stories and breaking news will now be more current, photos will be plentiful and the Apache Pow Wow Facebook will send any subscribers automatic updates of what's going on around campus. Along with articles, the journalism department is now giving you podcasts; lively, real-time footage, that is produced by your fellow students.

The newspaper itself will still be available for students, but it has not been left behind in this extreme makeover. Along the bottom of the front page, a Microsoft Tag is now available for

anyone with a smart phone. And for those who don't know what a Tag is, it's basically a printed bar code that when scanned by your smart phone, will directly link to the Apache Pow Wow website. For anyone who owns a smart phone but does not have the application, I can honestly say that it is easy to download and it's free. Just go to tag.microsoft.com, click on 'try tag now,' and it will give you three ways to download your tag reader. And this will not be a waste of your time because your tag reader can be used anywhere a tag is available; including movie and music trailer magazines.

This is the beginning of a way to broaden the way people



view news. Newspapers have embraced electronic media in order to suit people of all ages. There will always be print journalism, but there will also be a family tree branching off into the offspring of new ideas and conduits.

editorial

## Immigration debate continues despite new laws

America is a nation of immigrants. The Pilgrims came for religious freedom. The Irish came to begin a new life after the potato famine. World War II refugees came to escape the war in Europe. Many people from nations around the world continue to immigrate to the United States. However, concerns have begun to arise about the legality of these immigrants when they come to America.

In 2009, 393,000 foreign nationals were removed from the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security. To help address this problem the state of Arizona passed an immigration law in April 2010. This law said the illegal aliens should not be hired, transporting or harboring the illegal aliens while they are in the country is illegal and that agencies of the state need to help enforce immigration laws throughout Arizona. Governor Jan Brewer signed this into law and has gotten a lot of

bad press because of it.

Some groups have voiced concerns against the Arizona bill saying that it will encourage racism, racial profiling and take away the rights of illegal aliens. In regards to racism and racial profiling, it's a terrible thing. Discriminating against a certain group of people due to the color of their skin goes against the Constitution because "all men are created equal."

However, when it comes to the Arizona law, it's not as much about skin color as it is country of origin. According to the Department of Homeland Security 2009 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, 613,003 illegal aliens were deported. Of that number, 528,139 of these aliens were from Mexico and 19,149 aliens were from Honduras. Racial profiling isn't the right thing to do, but when so many people come from the same countries and backgrounds it's extremely hard not to question the status of people who

look a certain way.

Illegal aliens are speaking out saying that this new law takes away their rights. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, no person is illegal and people in this country have rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution. This is true to a certain degree. Every legal person has rights. Illegal aliens are not considered to be citizens. Therefore, they don't have rights guaranteed by the Constitution. They have rights from the countries they came from such as Mexico. If illegal aliens wanted the same rights as Americans they could take the proper steps to become citizens.

Illegal aliens also raise the costs of living for legal citizens. According to the Federation for American Immigration Reform and the 2005 United States Census, the illegal alien population in Texas is costing taxpayers more than \$4 billion a year. That equates to \$725 per family. Is it fair for legal citizens of a

country to pay taxes for things that illegal aliens receive for free such as health care and education?

Many believe that this is just a problem in the United States when in reality, it's an international problem. Many countries including the United States are taking preventative actions against illegal aliens. India began building a fence on its border with Bangladesh in 1987 to relieve this problem and is currently adding more sections to this fence. China has also dealt with illegal immigrants from North Korea and has since built a security barrier. Egypt is currently erecting barbed wire and chain link fences to prevent illegal immigrants from crossing the border into Gaza and to eliminate illegal smuggling.

Immigration has been a hot topic and will continue to be one until legislators can figure out a solution to the growing migration problem.

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## TJC renovations affect students

By Andrea Masenda  
Online Editor

Last February, TJC President Mike Metke addressed the entire Board of Trustees and emphasized that the college is facing critical infrastructure needs that must be addressed before any phase of the new Campus Master Plan can begin.

Maintenance projects included: a capacity upgrade in Wise Auditorium, heating, ventilating and air conditioning replacement in Potter Hall, Jenkins Hall, Vaughn Library, the Tyler Junior College West Campus and Central Plant; roof replacements in the Vaughn Library and the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, complete renovations on Hudnall Planetarium, Wagstaff Educational Facilities and Genecov.

Between April and May of 2009, Metke conducted meetings with various individuals and groups to discuss TJC's infrastructure and to seek methods to pay for the necessary repairs. In July, Metke reported to the Tyler Leadership Roundtable on the infrastructure of Tyler Junior College and then proposed anywhere between \$25-\$30 million dollars for "critical infrastructure needs."

"Even if you had a Cadillac from the 1960's and you wanted to drive it every day, you

can imagine that it would need a little maintenance," Dr. Metke said at the Aug. 26 Board of Trustees meeting.

While Wagstaff renovations are expected to be complete in November, the next step in renovations for the crew is the chilled/hot water loops on campus; which will affect almost every student at TJC.

Hot and chilled water loops are used to heat and cool buildings on the campus, and since February of 2009, the loop has had four different breaks and is in dire need of repair. Leaks occur because the mechanical joints on the loops are failing and the valves are broken, therefore causing the system to have no structural integrity.

This type of construction will require the tearing up of sidewalks around buildings like Vaughn Library and Rogers Student Center among others. While this will cause inconvenience to many students on campus, the crew understands and is focused on four key points that range from the well-being of the campus to the students and faculty as well.

"The renovations crew first tries to focus on the safety of not only themselves, but of every individual coming in contact with the

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Photo by Joshua Mumphy

### CONSTRUCTION

The renovation crew works in the driveway between Pirtle Technology Building and the OPHE Center.

## News In Brief

### CAMPUS

#### ACHIEVING THE DREAM

Tyler Junior College, along with 25 other community colleges and with support from the Greater Texas Foundation, has become a member of Achieving the Dream.

The initiative is focused on identifying problems that keep students from succeeding and creating programs to help students stay in school and receive a certificate.

#### QEP COMING TO TJC

TJC recently announced its QEP.

QEP is a broad-based project with the transformation of students' learning experiences as its goal. The main topic is reading comprehension.

QEP will start this fall and participation is expected from the whole campus including students and faculty.

#### PARENTS WEEKEND

TJC will host its 5th annual Parents Weekend, Sept. 17 and 18. The theme for the weekend is "I'll Be There"; and parents are encouraged to experience TJC's Three Promises of a quality education, a vibrant student life and community service by getting an up-close look at the college's educational offerings.

To register go to [www.tjc.edu/parentsweekend](http://www.tjc.edu/parentsweekend).

### LOCAL

#### SATURDAY SHOOTING

On the morning of Sept. 11, Tyler Police discovered two bodies in a house located on Line Street.

The victims died as result of gunshot wounds and the motive could be related to illegal narcotics.

The victims were identified as 49-year-old Pedro Flores and 38-year-old Felicia Mosley. They marked the fourth and fifth homicides of the year in Tyler. Police are still looking for possible suspects.

## Changes cause conflicts

By Irving Marmolejo  
News Editor

Like hundreds of students at Tyler Junior College, Eric Kenna, came out of the Rogers Student Center with his new lanyard around his hand. The new lanyard requirement had students standing in long lines in Rogers and the Campus Safety Office this semester. After waiting for more than two hours Kenna came out with the desire to enjoy a cigar and to forget the waiting time; however, TJC is also now a smoke-free campus, making it illegal for Kenna to practice this habit. These are two of many changes this year and he supports most of them.

"Some of the changes are too drastic, but most of them will make a safer and better campus for us," said Kenna.

The multiple changes at TJC have sparked different opinions among students, staff and police officers who have to adapt to the lanyards, new cameras and dress code.

On Aug. 25, 2010, a TJC guard was approached by a staff member who requested assistance. The staff member and a student, identified as Tyler J. Fuller, started arguing. According to police reports, the staff member asked him to wear his lanyard and to pull up his pants. Fuller began cursing and continued using vulgar language at a professor and the staff member. Fuller was issued a criminal trespass warning. He was escorted to his vehicle and was asked to leave the property. In order to return



Photo by Claudia Garcia

**LANYARDS** Campus Safety writes up student Amon Rashidi for not wearing a lanyard on school grounds. This new regulation went into effect this semester.

to campus, he is now required to contact Campus Safety.

"We realized in the last year that many people on our campus were not students, and they were utilizing our campus in unproductive and negative ways," said Fred M. Peters, Director of Marketing and Public Affairs.

Several incidents that occurred on campus during the last semester, including the arrest of several non-students for selling drugs, have brought the TJC administration to agree on the implementation of different strategies. One of the strategies is crime prevention through environmental design. The change involves adjusting the landscape and the use of new technology.

"All the little changes like the signs, use of lanyards, implementing more officers, the change in the landscape, the dress code and the new camera system, all these changes are working together to help prevent crime," said Thomas A. Johnson, executive director of Campus Safety.

This fall semester over 11,000 students are attending TJC and are being watched most of the time they are on campus by the technology implemented to prevent crime. TJC now has more than 200 new cameras placed around campus.

"I have the same opinion than

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## Students take college preparation

By Shurika Mumphy  
Staff Writer

There are many students enrolled in Developmental Education who don't fully understand what it is or why they are there.

Developmental Education, better known as College Prep, is designed to prepare students for credit-level subjects. There are three different levels: 0301, 0302, and 0303 for different classes, such as Math, Reading, English, student success and college orientation. Students are put in these classes depending on their scores from tests like the Accu Placer and THEA. The tests are taken to help the college determine if the students learned the skills they needed in order to be placed in college-level classes or college prep.

Not only is College Prep for students, it can also be beneficial for adults who choose to come back to school in hopes of picking up where they left off to receive a higher education.

"Our students come from different walks of life," Professor of Mathematics Preparatory Studies DiJana Armstrong said. "Some have made a long pause in schooling and for others, it has been several years. We're trying to get them all on the same level so they'll be ready for college-level math."

College Prep is paid for by FASFA if a student qualifies. If the course is dropped several times, a student may have to pay a fee or FASFA may not cover it. Many students don't like College Prep classes because they do not get credit for them. The grade is not transferable to a new college and they just feel like they are wasting their time and money.

"The reality is if there were no college prep courses and students went directly to the college

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## Allied Health hopes for new building

By Jeff Wright  
staff writer

Tyler Junior College announced last springs plan to construct a new Allied Health and Nursing building, much to the relief of the Allied Health students and faculty. It is no secret that the Pirtle Technology Building has become increasingly cramped with the growing number of students each semester.

"We use every bit of space to work with," said Cathy Garcia, Nursing Program coordinator. "Because of the space constraints, we have to be creative enough so our lab areas can also be used for lectures."

Originally thought to be on its way to completion by spring 2011, the main roadblock has remained the same as when the project was first imagined: funding. Although funding for the building has become a top priority for TJC, donors for the project are hard to come by. Without donors, a set date cannot be established for completion and the growing number of students ac-

cepted for the Allied Health programs will eventually plateau.

TJC's nursing program has already added 20 seats this past summer and 20 more seats this fall to accommodate the growing number of students interested in the program, and they plan on adding more in the future. But even as these numbers grow, the space for expansion does not.

"We don't even have seats for certain activities, like simulations in labs," said Rebecca Seeton, department chair of the Nursing program. "The rooms just aren't big enough."

Students and faculty alike have voiced the need for such an addition to the campus.

"Some of us are first-year students experiencing all of this sharing between everyone," first-year nursing student Patricia Clark said. "There's just no room. We are changing dressings on computers."

Danielle Woods, a classmate of Clark's, said, "It's hard to get a real 'clinical' feel.

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Courtesy Photo

**NEW BUILDING** The photo shows the six-floor structure that will house the Allied Health students.

### STATE

#### ROOMMATE KILLED

A night of drinking at Northwest Dallas apartment left one man dead.

Richard Gene faces murder charges after shooting to death his roommate William Poovey at the home they shared.

Police said they had been drinking vodka, listening to music and engaged in what the suspect described as horseplay until one of the men pointed his handgun and shot his roommate in the face.

The suspect called the police and was on the phone when officers arrived.



## TJC recognizes alumni with awards

By Logan Thompson  
Verve Editor

Homecoming Weekend, despite what students may think, is more than a football game. It is also the time of the year when tradition is remembered and when people who have done great things alongside or with TJC are honored.

The Alumni Awards, an annual homecoming event that began in 1962, will be held the morning of Sept. 18.

Betty Briggs, Director of Alumni Relations, has an office that is telling of her efforts to coordinate the weekend. There are unfinished plaques, past championship banners and paperwork across her desk.

"The awards this year consist of four different awards that are chosen by a committee who review the files of nominees," said Briggs.

The biggest prize of the night is the Distinguished Alumni award, which is being given to Dr. Bob Peters for his "distinctive contribution to society," according to the awards program. Peters attended TJC in 1959 and 1960, giving him unique perspective on the weekend considering there is also a 50-year reunion of the 1960 class.

"When people who have known you for 50 years decide to award you, despite the fact that they know you so well, it's really the best thing that can happen to you," said Peters.

His accomplishments include publishing eight government and two history textbooks, serving on six state agencies underneath six Texas governors and broadcasting Tyler's weather for more than 48 years. He is also one of three TJC professors to be honored with a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor of the Year Award.

"Supporting my family was the biggest reason to do everything I



Courtesy Photos

**AWARD RECIPIENTS** Left: Dr. Bob Peters will be given the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Center: Virginia Gatewood will receive the Black and Gold Award. Right: Bill Giles will be given the Special Recognition Award.

did," said Peters. "We haven't ever had any second houses or anything but we've always had what we needed."

The way Peters started doing weather is, in his own words, "funny," and it was not simply by choice.

"I was working for a newspaper at the time, in '62, and Texas didn't start doing daylight savings time till '68," said Peters. "We were getting weather reports an hour late because of this and we needed a way, during that part of the year, to accurately forecast the weather. We simply sat down and decided whoever was least ignorant of those sorts of things would do it, and my fellow workers decided that was me".

After that Peters bought two meteorology textbooks and read them thoroughly. He then began studying the weather with his grandfather who worked for Delta airlines. The newspapers at the time owned the

radio stations and he realized if he did it for the paper, he would have to do it for the radio as well.

What is more unconventional than the way he got into the weather is the affliction he battled throughout his life. Although born with bad vision, he received an injury during a high school basketball game that, after two unsuccessful surgeries, left him blind.

"I eventually realized the surgeries weren't working, so I decided to just go to the school of the blind and learn how to read Braille," he said. "The worst part of it all was that it was sure as hell expensive. I spent about \$10,000 on the surgeries, and this was way back then."

Peters says that he owes his success to being "born into the depression and being taught when you're young the meaning of hard work, as well as growing up with the economy and I think if not for all that I may not have been as successful."

Peters was also a member of TJC's branch of Phi Theta Kappa (a national honor society for two-year schools), Alpha Omicron.

They are up for the Apache Spirit Award after a run last year that TJC president Mike Metke called "something that felt like winning the national championship of academics."

Pre-Nursing major Luke Bazil was honored as one of 20 All-USA Phi Theta Kappa members. In April, at the international Phi Theta Kappa convention in Orlando, Alpha Omicron was awarded a service hallmark for having service programs and initiatives ranked top 25 in the nation among junior colleges and top 100 among all colleges.

The direct recipients of the award will be Dr. Alan Barnes, Gigi Delk and Shannon Cross.

"We have one award that does not require that you be an alumni," said Briggs. "And that is the Black

and Gold Award. That one really is about being a strong community member and helping TJC with their resources."

This award is going to Virginia H. Gatewood and to her late husband James (Jim) Gatewood who have given a total of 67 scholarships and have raised \$350,000 with the "Promises to Keep" scholarship campaign.

Mitch Andrews, the Director of Principal Gifts, said "Virginia is very humbled by receiving this award because she feels she is winning for her late husband and that it's an extension of her husband's legacy."

The final award being given is also not going to a TJC alumni but to someone who has, according to Briggs, "sent more students to TJC than anyone else." Bill Giles, who is the Director of Counseling at Van High School, is receiving the Special Recognition Award.

Giles has been with Van High School for 50 years and has been so fervent of a TJC supporter that he has been honored with "50 years of service" by TJC as well, despite never actually working there.

"Of all the colleges I've worked with, TJC has been my favorite and that is because I know no other college does as much to prepare their kids for a four-year university. The teachers are just very hands on," said Giles.

Some of the events taking place within the weekend include the 1960 reunion, which will also bring about a ring ceremony for our national championship football team.

This leads up to the big event: the Homecoming game. The Queen presentation will take place at 6 p.m. followed by the game at 7 p.m. at the Rose Stadium The Apaches will face off against the Navarro Bulldogs.

## Writing lab offers tutoring and guidance for students

By Kisha White  
Staff writer

Whether a student is confused about how to write an essay or does not understand how to format a thesis, the Writing Lab is here to help.

"The main goal of the writing lab is to help students become better writers," said Kristen Jackson, Writing Lab coordinator.

Students in any course or any major can use the lab. Help from an instructor is available by appointment or by walk-in.

"Frustration is the number one reason most students seek tutoring," Jackson said.

Additional frustration is seen when students are trying to meet deadlines, so the staff keeps an open mind and is willing to help. The writing lab teaches students to develop skills that they can take with them outside of the writing lab, to become more productive and able to do the work themselves without assistance.

"The writing lab checks my papers for punctuation errors, helps me correct the mistakes and notices if papers are in proper format," said student Sam Harris. "In the past, I've come here and got help with four major papers. If the writing lab

approves I know my professors will approve."

Jackson said writing is one of the hardest subjects to teach.

"There's no right or wrong way to write. Each writer is unique," said Jackson.

This semester free writing workshops will be held. The workshops will be focusing on research using websites, library databases, summarizing information, paraphrasing and quoting. Other workshops will be on MLA and APA citation methods.

Another problem facing students is unintentional plagiarism. It is hard to catch, but the lab will be helping with different ways to prevent plagiarism from happening.

"One of the good things about my job is I get to work with students on a one-on-one basis to target problems they are having," said Jana Haasz, a professional tutor and English teacher at TJC.

The Lab is located on campus in Jenkins Hall room 1108. The lab is open at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. Contact the Writing Lab at 903-510-3200 for more information or use the online tutoring website at [tjc.askonline.net](http://tjc.askonline.net).



Photo by Kisha White

**WRITING LAB** Professional Tutor Amanda Russell and Professional Tutor Chase Snachez discuss upcoming plans to help students develop better skills about conducting essays and english papers.

## Students experience living on campus with strangers

By Reginald White  
Staff Writer

It's a new school year, and it's your first time at Tyler Junior College. Every student has to adjust to new classes, new places and new people.

Most students attending college for the first time may choose the option not to live on their school campus. The other half that does decide to move into the dorms will have to adjust to living with a roommate.

Students often find this intimidating because they will have to try to "make friends" with a complete stranger who could either be a lifelong friend or a "weirdo" from who knows where.

"At first I thought that I wasn't going to like my roommate, but the two of us became best friends and now we can't get rid of each other," sophomore TJC student from Dallas, Xavier Brackens, who lives in Ornelas Hall, said.

His roommate Graham Walker, sophomore, said "I never

**"I don't even speak to my roommate. We just don't have anything to say to each other."**

-Jamica Bennet  
Sophomore living in Ornelas Hall

really have problems with meeting new people or making new friends, so I wasn't surprised that me and Xavier became close friends."

Several other students staying on campus also said that they typically get along with their roommates. But then some students like Jamica Bennet, sophomore living in Ornelas Hall, said she had a bad experience the first time she had a roommate.

"I don't even speak to my roommate. We just don't have anything to say to each other," Jamica said.

Most students feel the same thing their first year or so, which brings up another question: how are roommates selected to stay with each other?

Samantha Faggot, the housing office area coordinator for TJC, said that "its really lottery style, we do not discriminate against race or religion. It's really a matter of who has their financial aid completed and is ready to pay for their room."

According to the Residential Life Handbook, located on the TJC website, it says, "most problems that arise in the residence halls can be solved in-hall. Residents who are still dissatisfied after speaking with the resident director may then make an appointment with the appropriate housing official in the Residential Life and Housing Office."

This also bring up another question, how the RA's, residential assistants, deal with bickering roommates.

Nicolas Long, sophomore and TJC student from Fort Worth who serves as an RA on the third floor of the Ornelas hall said that "it's better to suggest that the roommates try to talk it out and try to reach an agreement, if not then we can assist them in trying to find new roommates."



# Automotive technology program expands in enrollment

By Haley Smith  
Staff Writer

The same economy that is causing a wave of unemployment and job losses in this country is actually leading to a demand for jobs in the automotive technology field.

"When everybody's budget starts getting hurt, what do people do," Automotive Technology Associate Dean Jeff Parks said. "They hold on to their vehicles longer,...so there's still plenty of maintenance being done on vehicles. It is a very specialized area, and there is a high demand for these trained people."

With the increased demand for automotive technicians, the Tyler Junior College Automotive Technology Program is overflowing with students this semester.

"As of right now, we've had 173 people that were interested in the program as far as new, incoming students," Parks said. "So far we have accepted 75 of those students that have passed our entrance exam."

The program consists of all the areas of ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) credentialing so a student can take each one of the areas that eventually goes toward receiving a certification.

"If they're ASE certified that means that the technicians working on your vehicle have passed a voluntary certification exam on different aspects of automobile repair," Parks said. "We have two, one-year certificates and a two-year associate degree. Those students that get either the certificate or the associate degree will go to work in the area of independent shops or dealerships. They are going to work on vehicles in all the areas of automotive repair."

The program consists of three and a half hour daily labs. During that lab period, students work on vehicles and the concepts that the professors are teaching at that time.

"I do demonstrations of different things they need to accomplish in the lab and then after that, I let them loose," Automotive Technology Instructor Mir Alikhan said. "I'm still facilitating out in the lab, walking around and answering questions, but at the same time they are on their own pretty much working on their own vehicles at their own pace. The reason for that is so when they go out in the industry, they're not going to have me there. They learn to look up information, use it, work on vehicles and learn at the same time."

The Automotive Technology Program is both a secondary and postsecondary National

Automotive Technicians Education Foundation certified program. NATEF is a sister company of ASE that certifies programs, so the educational programs meet national standards for everything from curriculum to facilities. This is the only stand-alone secondary and postsecondary NATEF program in the state of Texas.

"I think [the program] is great," first-year automotive technology student and auto shop owner Chevy Sturgill said. "I think we have a great facility and the best tools. Everything I've heard from the industry side of it has been absolutely correct and safety-oriented and industry-oriented."

Each automotive class is five hours, three lab credit hours and two theory hours. In a semester, a student can only sign up for two automotive classes, which makes up 10 hours of their schedule.

"Our program is laid out in a student-friendly way," Alikhan said. "Students take one class at a time and concentrate on that one area. They start out on brakes, and for eight weeks they do brakes-lab and theory."

The automotive technology program's grading system is different from normal classroom systems. They have assigned points for different things and they receive points for their specific jobs. Every hour is converted in the point system to be 10 points. Each 10 points is equal to an industry hour.

"We treat our students just like industry technicians," Alikhan said. "An industry technician would flag hours in a day. If a job calls for in the book eight hours and they finish it in four hours, they still get paid for eight hours. That's how we give them grades on it. If [students] are doing a brake job that calls for two hours, I give them 20 points, but if they finish it up in an hour they still get 20 points."

During the labs, the students work on actual vehicles. The program receives their cars for the labs from four different sources; the students' own vehicles, TJC faculty and staff vehicles, outside customers' vehicles and donated vehicles.



Photos by Haley Smith



**AUTOMOTIVE TECH** Above: Cars are spread out in the first year Automotive Technology Lab waiting to be worked on by students. Left: Justin Paine and Michael Caldas watch as first year student Brittany Gurrola checks the oil on her truck.

"The best vehicles are customer vehicles that are either from faculty, staff or those student vehicles themselves because they have real-world situations and real-world problems," Parks said. "They get that true experience of 'these components are defective and these are the components that need to be replaced to get it back to what the manufacturer's specifications are.'"

The Automotive Technology program also offers dual credit classes for high school students.

"Their labs are a little bit shorter, but they actually have more days that they are in the class," Parks said.

In order to be accepted into the program, all incoming students must take and pass the Bennett Mechanical Comprehension test.

"It is a standardized multiple-choice test similar to like an ACT or SAT test," Parks said. "[The exam] goes over basic mechanical concepts on everything from fluid systems to leverage to frictions."

Even though the Automotive Technology Program is occupied heavily by males, some female students also participate in the classes.

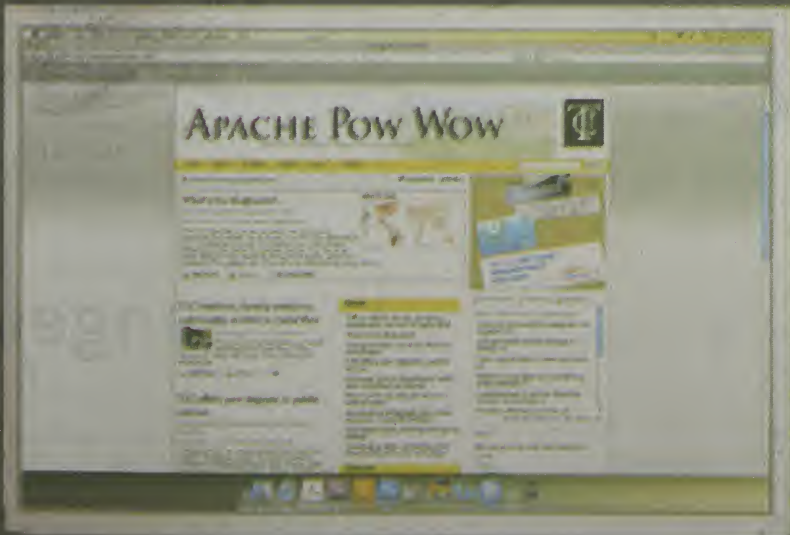
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## Students show off on stage

### TJC talent finds its "Venue" for expression

By Kassidy Veraska  
Staff Writer

It's Saturday night and a group of students are beginning to gather in a dimly lit theater with the aroma of coffee and baked goods settling around them. They are all welcoming the opportunity to escape from the pressures of the school week.

"The Venue gives me an opportunity to perform other talents that not everyone sees on a daily basis," said Caden Crawford, the Venue MC. "It takes away the daily stress of school throughout the week. You just get to hang out with friends and perform."

The Venue is a college-based coffeehouse event that is inspired by the coffee houses of the '50s and '60s. It's a place where people can go and perform original work and get onstage experience. People are also encouraged just to come and hang out. Performing is not required. The Venue takes place in the Jean Browne Theater in the Wise Cultural Arts building.

Opportunities like this are limited in Tyler. Most places that allow amateur performers to play often have to pre-approve the material

before the performers are allowed to step into the spotlight.

The Venue started in 2005 when Green Acres College Ministry gave Dr. David Crawford, TJC Theater Professor, and the Theater Department the opportunity to start something new on campus. The idea behind this was to give the students who were bound to their dorm room during the weekend some entertainment.

"For a number of years, I had wanted to do something different for a late night, weekend activity for college kids who were stuck on campus," said Dr. Crawford. "I was one of those kids stuck on campus when I was in college. I had no money whatsoever, no transportation, I was miles and miles away from home and there was nothing to do...those were the worst times."

So finally, after some brainstorming, The Venue was born.

The idea was to have a coffee house that any student could attend that featured free entertainment, free baked goods and free coffee. "Free" being the key word in all of this. Green Acres picks up the bill for all the food at The Venue, leaving the students free to enjoy themselves

without worrying about money.

The very first Venue was on Sept. 10, 2005. It is nearing its sixth year and the numbers are growing. The largest Venue to date had around 115 people in attendance this past Christmas.

The main attraction of the event is that everyone is welcome. For new students arriving on campus, sometimes it is difficult to merge with a new crowd. The Venue gives students an opportunity to meet and connect with new people with similar interests.

"There's somewhere on campus that you can go where people are warm and friendly and they're eager to be your friend. Nobody expects anything in return," said Dr. Crawford.

The Venue is mainly college-based but other young adults are encouraged to come as well. It is a laid-back environment with only a few rules including: no drinking or eating in the theater, no set lasting longer than five minutes, no vulgarity or profanity on stage, no feet on the seats and no offensive comments. Also, all musical performances must be unplugged for time purposes.

Each student is encouraged to



Courtesy Photo

**MUSICIANS** Student Caden Crawford performs at the venue which was started by Theater Professor David Crawford in 2005.

feature their talents whether it be singing, playing an instrument, performing a monologue, reading poetry, dancing, performing stand-up or any other talent.

"It honestly really is an outlet for people who may or may not have talent but want the experience of performing in front of others," said Matt Craft, a TJC sophomore.

Experience is what many of these young students are craving. Even just five minutes on stage in front of their peers gives them a chance to see if performing is right for them.

"The audience is so responsive in a positive way, whether it was good or bad," Craft said. "It helps the performer realize if that's what they want to do or not in the future."

Coffeehouses are actually where many famous entertainers learned and polished their craft. Bob Dylan and Cat Stevens both played at coffeehouses at the beginning of their careers. Bob Dylan got a lot of his early onstage experience at the 10 O'clock Scholar coffeehouse which

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## The modern art of George Tobolowsky on display

By Christopher Jones  
Staff writer

3000-pound metal sculptures were placed in key positions around the Tyler Museum of Art last month to announce the opening of its newest exhibition.

Sept. 5 through Nov. 28, the Tyler Museum of Art will host the artwork of George Tobolowsky, a native Texan known for his abstract sculptures made entirely from discarded metal.

Tobolowsky uses anything from small gears to large twisted bands of excess metal that were scrapped from a machine shop.

Using his "dumpster diving," as Tobolowsky puts it, all material found is taken to his studio. He then begins picking these found objects and welding them together. This is the process he uses to create these unique, twisted pieces of art.

"With my brother working in a scrap yard, I had unlimited access to scrap metal, allowing me to begin finding my 'found objects,'" he said.

He stated in the video on his website, that he has "...always enjoyed three-dimensional art and likes the physical process of making his." To take an object made for another purpose, that unfortunately was not up to some companies' standards or just excess and making it into art is what makes his sculptures so interesting.

Tobolowsky's life has taken as many twists and turns as his art. Earning both a business and law degree from Southern Methodist University and minoring in sculpture, it would be more than 30 years before Tobolowsky began turning his passion for sculpting into reality.

With a focus on his career, Tobolowsky still remained involved in the art scene; doing legal work for other artists and making contributions to galleries. He also kept in touch



Photos by Christopher Jones

**ART SCULPTURES** Artist George Tobolowsky displays his art at the Tyler Museum of Art in Tyler Texas. His work will be displayed from Sept. 5 through Nov. 28.

with his art teacher and friend from SMU, James Surls. Surls became his mentor and helped with questions and decisions Tobolowsky had about his art.

Tobolowsky built a sculpting studio on his ranch outside of Dallas for other artists

to use and about seven years ago, he got back into collecting more scrap metal.

About five years ago, Tobolowsky made a few different pieces and entered them into a contest. Winning a place in an art contest, he was later picked up by a gallery and had his first

exhibition at the Gerald Peters Gallery in Dallas.

Tobolowsky said that his inspiration comes from taking a 'found object' and having the ability to put it next to another piece and create a sculpture.

Some of his art is named after things in his life.

"I was still working in the business world when I started my sculpting and would have deals that wouldn't work right or numbers that didn't work," Tobolowsky said. "These would be considered 'deal breakers'. This led to my series called 'Dealbreakers'."

Some of his pieces begin with a name in mind but that may change after the piece is completed.

One piece he has named "March Into Hell.... For a Heavenly Cause," was originally going to be called "No Good" due to a piece of the sculpture having the words "no good" written upon it.

"Once the piece was finished, it reminded me of Dante's march into hell," Tobolowsky said. "With shield in one hand and sword in the other, ready to battle Lucifer himself to save his true love. This just made me feel the need to give it that name."

Another piece of art with a story behind its name is his 'Signature piece.'

"People had always asked why I didn't sign my work," Tobolowsky said. "I had hoped people would be able to just look at my work and know who made it. I made 'The Signature' as a representation of what my long last name would look like if it was sort of scribbled out."

"Although compared to past pioneers of abstract sculpture such as Julio Gonzalez and David Smith, Tobolowsky's art seems to connect more with the 21st Century with his intriguing style and materials used," said Kimberley Tomio, Tyler Museum of Art Director.

An artist reception and gallery talk will be held on Friday, Oct. 8. The public is invited to meet Tobolowsky and listen as he discusses his work shown in the exhibition Form & Substance: the Art of George Tobolowsky.



Courtesy Photo

**MUSICIANS** Switchfoot performed at Tyler Junior College during the Spring Fling concert last semester.

## TJC visited by big name musicians

By Tania Chavez  
Staff Writer

Gym Class Heroes, Switchfoot and Los Lonely Boys are some of the artists who have performed at Tyler Junior College. The Center of Student Life and Involvement wants to hear from the students on who they want to see come perform next.

"Students can come to the Center of Student Life and Involvement (CSLI) office and give us their ideas on who they want to see perform on our next concert," said Ishmael Benjamin assistant director and adviser of the Center for Student Life and Involvement.

Throughout the years the staff at the CSLI have worked to have some type of special event for all of the students attending TJC. CSLI brings bands that are successful and are known by most of the students.

The Center of Student Life and Involvement

has a process of bringing an artist to TJC. The artist has to be in demand by the students, within TJC's budget and depends on artist availability to come on the date of the concert.

Sofia Herrera, a sophomore from Tyler, has attended most of the concerts over the past two years.

"It was amazing. I had so much fun and all I needed to get in the concert was my student ID," Herrera said.

Jessika Garcia, sophomore from Tyler, attended the Gym Class Heroes concert and said, "I had the time of my life. I had a lot of fun and the place was full. Everyone was singing and jumping all over the place."

Dianna Zavala, sophomore from Mineola, met Gym Class Heroes lead singer Travis McCoy before the concert.

"The concert was out of this world. I was so happy I got to take a picture with Travis," Zavala said.

The concerts are usually held at Wise Auditorium.

The concerts are free and all a student needs is a student ID. Only current students can get in the concerts. The concerts are part of the Spring Fling, which has become part of TJC since 1995. The Spring Flings consist of different events that TJC offers to their students at the end of the year.

Andrea Reyes, staff technician, attended the Los Lonely Boys concert – a band of three brothers who are well known for their hit single "Heaven."

"I had the chance to see Los Lonely Boys when they played at TJC," Reyes said.

"I had a blast! It was pretty amazing to see them that close, to get to meet them in person and get to share this experience with all of my friends."

She said it took the concert experience to another level.

"There was enough people to feel everybody's vibes and get excited, but at the same time feel closer to the band and connect with them like if it was a private concert just for you."



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"I think it's a very good experience for me because I do want to become a mechanic," first-year automotive technology student Jackie Taylor said. "There are not many women out there that are mechanics, so I want to follow in my dad's footsteps. I still feel like I'm a part of the team and there's no difference."

One of the requirements for coming into the Automotive Technology Program is that students must have their own tool set so they can work on these vehicles as they come through the door.

"We provide all the specialty tools," Parks said. "The tools that students have to provide are the standard basic hand tools that they are going to need to have to go to repair vehicles in any shop. They're pricey but the great thing about it is we have a

standardized list. We have two professional tool companies that give us a bid on that list, and the bid on that list is between 55 and 60 percent off the retail price."

All the students in the associate degree program have to do a co-op work at an area dealership or an independent shop towards the end of their program.

"I would say 99 percent of those students who go to work in a particular co-op, they are going to stay at that particular place," Parks said. "If they are in the associate's degree program in order to graduate, they have to pass that co-op class. If they like that student, they are going to keep that student because they understand this guy has done everything he needs to do to get an associate's degree."

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AUTOMOTIVE

Left: More cars are displayed at the Automotive Technology lab.

Below: First year student Jeremy Sheffield measures the brakes on his truck during the Automotive Technology evening lab.



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## 1960 champs remembered at Homecoming

### FOOTBALL

By Chris Jones  
Sports Editor

Tradition and history will be in the air on Sept. 18 as Tyler Junior College gears up for the 50th anniversary celebration of the national championship football team and the homecoming game against Navarro.

Former wide receiver and member of the 1960 Apache Football Team Gene Staples is organizing this year's reunion for the 1960 team that went 12-0 on their way to winning the national championship. As a result, TJC was invited to go to California to play at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena against Long Beach City College. But TJC ended up losing that game 38-16.

"This event is a great way for all of our teammates to get to see each other one last time," Staples said. "We really cared for each other and really stuck together as a team."

Alumni events for the 2010 Homecoming weekend include the Founder's Day Memorial Service on the TJC main campus and the Mixer and Classic Car Show on Sept. 17. On Saturday, Sept. 18, the day will kick off

with the Alumni Awards Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Apache Rooms followed by the Tailgate Barbecue from 5-7 p.m. in the parking lot at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium; before the kickoff of this year's homecoming game between TJC and Navarro College.

Over the years, TJC's homecoming opponent has varied year to year. Every opponent has seemed to develop some sort of rivalry.

"TJC's fiercest homecoming rival has always been Kilgore," former TJC linebacker Aaron Bonds said. "Homecoming was one of the biggest games there was and when it was homecoming, my parents would drive six hours to watch me play."

Meanwhile, this year's opponent, Navarro, is a familiar foe to the Apaches. Starting the season ranked No. 4 in the country, this will no doubt be a competitive game for the Apaches.

"We are playing Navarro, so it's a very important game and plus it's homecoming," TJC Head Coach Danny Palmer said. "Navarro is ranked in the top 10 and we haven't beat them since 2005, so we definitely have to show up and play hard."

Redshirt freshman Luke Halpin,



Courtesy Photo

**ON THE GRIDIRON** The TJC football team won the National Championship in 1960. They will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary this year and will be recognized during Homecoming.

a transfer from West Texas A&M, and Sophomore Jeffery Claybon, plan to share the duties of quarterback against Navarro after doing so in the first two games against Colleyville Community College and Kilgore College.

A win against Navarro will give

the Apaches a great deal of confidence in how good they can be this season.

"We know that Navarro has a real good work ethic and they always come to play," Halpin said. "We definitely have to bring our 'A' game."

"I grew up going to every TJC

home football game when Floyd Wagstaff was the coach," Coach Palmer said. "Back then the music the band played was different but the tradition of homecoming pretty much stayed similar, and it's still going strong now."

## TJC tennis teams celebrate after winning season

### TENNIS

By Joshua Mumphrey  
Staff Writer

The Apache men's and women's tennis teams are the reigning national junior college champions.

In May, the women won in a dominating performance while the men shared the national title after finishing in a tie.

John Peterson, head tennis coach, said that hard work, team chemistry and a little luck was the recipe for success.

Competing at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Ariz., the Apache ladies finished 16 points ahead of runner-up and last year's champion -- Lee College of Baytown. They won all three doubles flights and eight of nine singles flights.

The ladies were so strong that they actually secured the title before the final day of competition.

Peterson, who is in his 23rd season as head coach said, "he never had a more dominating force performance out of a team."

After securing the title early, Peterson hoped that the girls would continue to hold their ground.

"We went to bed that night knowing that we were national champions. We could have gone out, done the antler dance, and smashed champagne bottles on the side of the van, but the girls were really good, they wanted this for themselves and their team. The Apache ladies definitely didn't disappoint me at all," said Peterson. "I should have known them better than that."

Although the Apaches dominated the women's champi-

onship, the men's tournament was much closer.

TJC walked away with titles in Flight 3 doubles and Flight 3 and Flight 5 in the singles competition. The tournament was held at Collin College in Plano and then, when thunderstorms struck, was moved indoors to the Canyon Creek Country Club in Richardson.

TJC, Collin and Laredo Community College all finished with 40 points resulting in a three-way tie. This was the first time in NJCAA men's tennis that there was ever a triple victory.

"The guys played really well," Peterson said. They fought their hardest against the odds and overcame."

Among the Apache men's and women's team members who won individual national titles was Brooke Dennis. A sophomore from Abilene, Dennis, who is also a two-time high school state champion, obtained a 6-2, 6-0 victory in Flight 4 singles. She lost the fewest games of any TJC player at the national tournament.

"She's a joy to coach," said Peterson. "She really wants to learn and grow. A lot of Division 1 opportunities were offered to her straight out of high school, but she chose our college. She wanted a better Division 1 opportunity, and I felt compelled to make sure she got just that."

Dennis credits coach Peterson for the team's success. "Winning is pressuring but regardless, the team must prove to everyone that TJC tennis is the best," said Dennis.

"Coach Peterson pushes you to be even better, putting you in an uncomfortable position. Being uncomfortable makes you step outside of your comfort zone, which is what greatly contributed to all of our success."

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Photo by Joshua Mumphrey

**SWINGING HER RACKET** Sophomore Brook Dennis pauses for a moment during practice at the JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Center.

## Working towards another championship season

### SOCCER

By Casey Stewart  
Staff Writer

After successful seasons by the men's and women's soccer teams, resulting in National Championships for both, the demand to repeat is mounting in 2010.

"There's going to be a little bit more pressure," Assistant Coach for the men's soccer team Derek Tolcott said. "It's going to be harder because everyone is gunning for us." Referring to the giant target placed on their backs after the acquisition of the National Trophy.

Men's Assistant Coach Chris Handy said the same sentiment about being the team to beat in this upcoming season, but felt that the team's biggest obstacle was going to be getting over last year's success.

"We can't try and be last year's team," Handy said. "We got to be TJC Soccer 2010 as opposed to trying to remake what we did last year."

And with a new team comes new faces and perspective on the game.

"The intensity we play at," Freshman Midfielder Tom McCarthy said about the difference between playing in England and playing for an American college.

"One of our goals is to beat last year record," Lady Apaches Head Coach Corey Rose said.

Not to be outshined by the men, the women soccer team also went on a rampage through the 2009 season. They started their domination by beating Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa 6 to 0 and Hinds Community College 6 to 2 on their way to a 19-0-1 finish and bring home the hardware.

"To stay united as a team," sophomore Goalkeeper Beatrice Soto said. Stating the fact that the only way this team is getting back to the top is by working hard, but most importantly working together.

Soto went on to say that the talent level of this team is across the board and that everyone will be able to come and do their job.

"We're playing against older women, not necessarily kids anymore," freshman Midfielder April Goodson said describing the biggest difficulty for her in 2010.

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Photo by Casey Stewart

**GOING FOR THE BALL** Brenton Griffiths goes for the ball during the Aug. 24 game against Louisiana State University-Shreveport.

### sportsCALENDAR

#### Upcoming TJC athletics

**Football:** Sep. 18, 7:00 p.m. vs. Navarro College; Sep. 25, 7:00 p.m. @ Trinity Valley Community College

**Men's Soccer:** Sep. 18, 7:00 p.m. vs. Richland College; Sep. 24, 7:00 p.m. vs. San Jacinto College South, Sep. 26, 1:00 p.m. vs. Coastal Bend College

**Women's Soccer:** Sep. 24, 5:00 p.m. vs. Southwestern Illinois College; Sep. 25, 6:00 p.m. vs. Ranger College





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The championship wins are bringing recruiters closer to home and student athletes at TJC are getting university level opportunities.

“The sports program at Tyler Junior College is by far, one of the best in the nation when tennis comes to mind,” said Mike Griffith, men’s tennis coach at Gardner - Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Griffith had been watching TJC’s tennis team closely, communicating with Peterson.

Peterson recommended one of his star tennis players John Devose, originally from Germany, to be considered for a signing at Gardner’s award winning institution.

“John’s role was important. He was the vocal leader, the guy who was always looking forward to playing, like a child on Christmas Eve waiting to open presents under the tree. He brought a sense of enthusiasm and determination in everything he did. In fact, it rubbed off on some of the other guys,” said Peterson.

Peterson said although he is looking forward to this year, he hated to see last year’s sophomores leave.

“I will miss the girls and guys, but it’s just a part of life,” said

Peterson . “That’s one of the things about a junior college. You’re always looking forward instead of smelling the roses while you’re in the rose capital of Texas. I am so proud that the men’s and women’s tennis teams are graduating with such honors. I only hope they’ve learned that winning is not always what’s important, but in how much you’ve had fun in the whole experience.”

The Apache players say they are thankful for not only winning but also for the lessons they have learned.

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“The sports program at Tyler Junior College is by far, one of the best in the nation when tennis comes to mind,” said Mike Griffith, men’s tennis coach at Gardner - Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Griffith had been watching TJC’s tennis team closely, communicating with Peterson.

Peterson recommended one of his star tennis players John Devose, originally from Germany, to be considered for a signing at Gardner’s award winning institution.

“John’s role was important. He was the vocal leader, the guy who was always looking forward to playing, like a child on Christmas Eve waiting to open presents under the tree. He brought a sense of enthusiasm and determination in everything he did. In fact, it rubbed off on some of the other guys,” said Peterson.

Peterson said although he is looking forward to this year, he hated to see last year’s sophomores leave.

“I will miss the girls and guys, but it’s just a part of life,” said Peterson . “That’s one of the things about a junior college. You’re always looking forward instead of smelling the roses while you’re in the rose capital of Texas. I am so proud that the men’s and women’s tennis teams are graduating with such honors. I only hope they’ve learned that winning is not always what’s important, but in how much you’ve had fun in the whole experience.”

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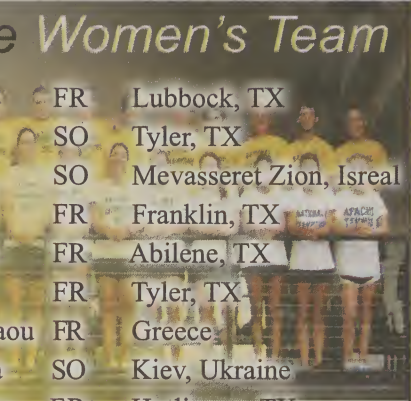
Apache Men’s Team

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Billy Bishop	FR	Houston, TX	Anmol Ramdhawa	FR	Melbourne,Australia
John Devose	SO	Esslingen, Germany	Stanislas Rodier	FR	NA
Austin Fowler	FR	Lubbock, TX	Paulo Roessle	FR	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Aleks Grabovic	FR	Slovenia	Adam Taylor	FR	Canada
Mario Jakovljevic	FR	Osijek, Croatia	Peter Thomason	FR	Amarillo, TX
Abraham Lascari	FR	Tlalnepantla, Mexico	Augusto Velez	FR	Lima, Peru
Marco Lopez	FR	Uruapan, Mexico	Gianmarco Velez	FR	Lima, Peru
Colby Meeks	FR	San Angelo, TX			
Pier Pieracciani	SO	Salvador, Brazil			
Anmol Ramdhawa	FR	Melbourne,Australia			
Stanislas Rodier	FR	NA			



Apache Women’s Team

Julie Bell	FR	Lubbock, TX
Casey Bulls	SO	Tyler, TX
Hagar Caro	SO	Mevasseret Zion, Isreal
Kendra Casey	FR	Franklin, TX
Brooke Dennis	FR	Abilene, TX
Natalie Hand	FR	Tyler, TX
Antonia Kolovaou	FR	Greece
Mariya Slupska	SO	Kiev, Ukraine
Catherine Weber	FR	Harlingen, TX
Sun Wen	FR	China
Anna Zurek	SO	Radom, Poland



Head Coach: John Peterson      Asst. Coach: Kimm Ketelson      Asst. Coach: Dash Connell

Volleyball team works to increase skills and wins

By Bridget Richardson  
Staff writer

Pepperering, wall pushups, agility drills and karaoke are words that the TJC Lady Apache Volleyball team have become familiar with as their season began.

New coach Ronda Shirley started the volleyball season off with pushing the ladies to their max.

“We started off with three weeks of three-a-days,” said freshman outside hitter Sadie Hilburn. “We started Aug. 1 and we would get up here about 7-10:30 a.m. and that was our weights and conditionings. Then

we had individual practices for what your position was from 1-4 p.m. Then we would have to come back from 7-10 p.m. sometimes until 11 at night.”

Each morning the team members had to be at the gym 30 minutes early to set up the nets. Once the nets were up, it was time for the ladies to start their warm up. Warm up consisted of multiple drills such as pepperering. Pepperering is a short exercise, which involves two people who are approximately 10 ft. away from each other, who pass the ball back and forth to work on ball control and passing skills.

“We do a lot of passing because it’s the most im-

portant thing on the court,” said sophomore middle hitter Chelsie Shakelford. “You have to have passing to set and hit.”

Their agenda also consists of wall pushups.

The players do a pushup on the wall then go down to the floor and do a pushup. They keep doing that routine until they get to ten, then they count all the way back down to one.

To finish their warm-up they do a crazy footstep that is called karaoke, which some also refer to as the “grape vine.”

This is were one foot crosses in front of the other then behind the other, The ladies repeat this pattern all the way down the sideline of the court. Karaoke, along with agility exercises, are drills that

help strengthen their muscles and get them prepared for a volleyball game.

The team works together and pushes each other to get tough practices. One way they did this is by encouragement.

“People bring quotes to inspire the team,” said manager Jamira Alexander.

Knowing they had completed three weeks of three-a-days, they were more determined then ever to accomplish their goal, which is to reach nationals.

The quote left on coach Shirley’s door sums up the attitude this team needed to get though those practices and to precede on to nationals.

“Nothing can stop (a person) with the right attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help (a person) with the wrong mental attitude.” – Thomas Jefferson.

TJC Lanyard Guidelines

1. Lanyards must be worn at all times while on campus (unless determined by the professor that a lanyard should be removed for safety reasons).
2. Lanyards must be worn around the neck and the ID card must be visible at all times.
3. A student may purchase their own lanyard, but it must be similar in nature as well as in design and must be worn in the same manner as the official student lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.
4. Students will not be allowed into class without wearing ID & lanyards.
5. If a student does not have their ID/lanyard, they may pick up a day pass at Campus Safety.



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SOCCER

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“I think with our team and the new coaching staff we have, and the returning coaching staff and everyone’s desire and, well, to redo what we did last year; heck yes we’re in it to win it,” Soto said in response to whether the Lady Apaches can repeat this year.

The women are returning 7 starters and the men are bringing back 12

players from the championship teams, making this season ripe for the picking for TJC Soccer.

The men play at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Pat Hartley Field against Richland College and the women faceoff at 5 p.m. Sept 24 at Pat Hartley Field versus Southwestern Illinois.



Photos by Casey Stewart

GOING FOR THE BALL Above: The men’s soccer team huddles before a game. Left: Laura Thompson jumps into the air to prevent the opposing team from getting the ball.



CHEER

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“And guys like it because you’re surrounded by girls. It’s not as structured. It’s more personal. It’s more of a single soul sport with an intimate setting because it’s you and your partner performing stunts, performing acrobatic skills.”

Campos said he receives a lot of support from his family.

“They see it the way I do,” he said. “If it is helping pay for school there is no problem with it. Because in the long run I want to graduate and be successful and cheer is just helping me out.”

Cheerleader Hunter Minahan said he also understands how important support from friends and family can be.

“Since the first day we met, the team hung out that night,” he said. “Pretty much everybody is there for everybody. If you need anything there is at least one person on this team that will get you what you need.”

Although a good support system is in place, cheerleader Josh Fredericks said it is still difficult to be a male cheerleader.

“There a lot of stereotypes to go with cheerleading,” he said. “People think we are very feminine, under athleticized and that cheerleading is not a sport. But once people get to know our skill level they can get a sense of who we are and what we do.”

Minahan said cheerleading is a lot more than what is seen in movies.

“People think they know,” he said. “Bring It On” is nothing like this honestly. Yeah, we cheer and do stuff like that, but it’s a lot harder. We got guys my size; 140 lbs and I can throw a 115 lb girl up into the air and catch her standing in my hands. That’s not exactly the easiest thing in the world.”

Houchin said that cheerleading is a lot more difficult than sports that do not get stereotyped.

“What we’re doing is hard if not harder as other sports that guys are playing that don’t get stereotyped,” he said. “So what I would say to guys that are considering cheering is that you’ve got to do it and give it a try. You have to see behind the scenes before you can make any kind of judgment because it is hard and involves a lot of skill that not just anyone can do.”

Frederick said he tries to put everything in a positive light to overcome this label.

“I try to erase all stereotypes,” he said. “And as you can see we have a huge amount of diversity on our team.”

Fredericks said the team is also working hard to have more success and acknowledgment.

“Two to three years ago we didn’t even place in nationals,” he said. “Last year we got second and this year we are going to bring home the national championship ring. After we win, things will be completely different.”

Houchin said the team will go to Daytona Beach in February.

“All our training is leading up to our national competition,” he said. “We got second last year, so this year we are the team to beat and we definitely have a chance. So all of our practices are training hard and hopefully

leading up to a national championship.”

Minahan said he also hopes for the team’s success.

“Nationals is where it’s at,” he said. “It’s mainly us against Navarro College and TVCC. There are a lot of nerves out there and everyone’s there for the ring. But we will be up there with the Apache Belles. We will have a national championship just like every other team on campus.”

Campos said cheerleading does not get as much recognition as other sports because of the limitations placed on sideline routines at football games.

“It is very hard to show everyone all the time how skilled we are,” he said. “They don’t see the sweat and hard work we put in day-in and day-out to get prepared to compete at the national level. All everyone sees is us on the sideline of games rooting other people on. I would like to see people give it a little more respect.”

Minahan said the rush he gets from cheerleading is worth the hard work.

“I love the adrenaline and I love tumbling,” he said. “We can kind of do what the big boys do but only to a certain extent. So we (Hunter and Frederick) call ourselves stumblers instead of tumblers.”

Besides the love for the sport, Minahan said he loves cheerleading because it saved his life.

“I was a gymnast when I was a little kid, but I had to quit because my parents got divorced,” he said. “When I got into high school, I met a friend who was on this cheer team. He saw I was going through a lot of rough stuff and about to end up in jail, so he got me into cheerleading. If I wasn’t cheerleading I would probably be in jail.”

Campos said cheerleading has also taught him valuable lessons in life.

“Cheerleading keeps me in shape,” he said. “It makes me push myself physically and mentally. I have learned to love it.”

Although he continues to cheer, Campos said he is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Business Administrations.

“Ever since I was a kid I have always



Photos by Jessica Sharp

**PRACTICING THE ROUTINES** Above (From left to right): Joel Horn, Ernest Carr, Andrew Hooper, Jessie Salas and Mo Saaidi attend cheerleading practice in the gym. Below (left): Michael Smith does a handstand in order to demonstrate the strength needed to participate in the sport. Below (right): Bonnie Talancon demonstrates the flexibility needed in order to compete in the sport.



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-Gabriel Campos  
Cheerleader



wanted to be a fireman,” he said. “The bachelors degree opens up my opportunities and, over all, helps me be a more educated member of the society, and cheer has been a great help on my path to reaching my goals.”

Campos said learning to depend on others is a trait that cheerleading and firefighting have in common.

“When your a firefighter you’re not just depending on yourself. You depend on your whole squadron to be able to put out a fire or to be able to get out of a burning building alive,” he said. “And when I’m on the cheer team, my teammate and I have someone in the air. I’m depending on my spotter for that

person to be safe. It helps me to learn to be focused on what I’m doing and to trust someone else not only with my safety but with someone else.”

After cheering at football games for 87,000 people, Houchin said he is happy to be a coach at TJC.

“I have a real love for the extreme activity,” he said. “What we’re doing is extreme and I have a real passion for it. I cheered at Tyler Junior College just like these guys have. I have a real passion for Tyler Junior College because this is where I got my start. Then moved on to OU after being recruited and spent 4 years there and its great to be back.”

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Looking for the play call



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**EYEING THE COACH** From left to right: Desron Williams, Rikko Harris and Jedrick Williams look to Coach Palmer for the play during the game on Sept. 4 against Kilgore.

TRADITION

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Additional activities that any student can participate in during the homecoming week are the talent show (which includes cash prizes), in which students get the opportunity to show off their unique and individual talents to the student body, tailgate parties, and the big cook-

out that always occurs before the game. The Alumni also hold their reunion every homecoming as well.

“Homecoming week made me feel important, like I was being a part of legacy that will continue on even after I leave,” said Walker.



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**HOMECOMING SPIRIT** Carrie Casey beats the drum outside of Rogers Student Center during homecoming week.

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SECURITY

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“The azaleas that were in front of the Rogers Student Center were 10-foot tall and were replaced with dwarf azaleas in order for the security officers and cameras to have a better view,” said Johnson. “Other changes around campus were replacing damaged and worn out wood tables and benches that were located outside with safer and longer lasting metal ones.”

Students who have noticed the changes around campus may be asking about the incidents that have caused an increase in security.

“I do know they are getting strict, but I really have not seen anything wrong in the past semesters to agree with the increase of security and having to wear these lanyards,” Jessica Vega, sophomore said.

A major incident that prompted the change-

es was a drug bust that occurred on campus during the spring semester. After receiving tips from students that drugs were being sold at TJC, undercover officers made drug buys and arrests.

“When it was done it proved our hypothesis,” Melton said. “Our hypothesis was that we had some people here that did not belong that are causing problems.”

None of the six arrested were full-time students and only one was a part-time student.

“Now things are being done the way they need to in order to make sure that we have a nice, clean environment for students,” Melton said. “You don’t have to look over your shoulder because Campus Safety is very pro-active about what we do.”



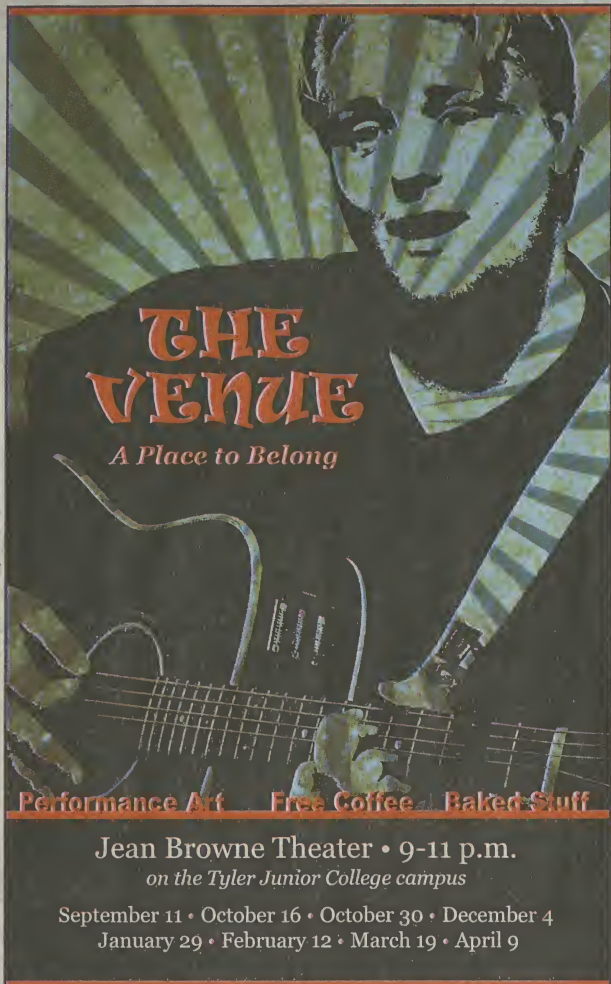
VENUE

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was located a couple of blocks away from the University of Minnesota. This environment allows performers to test new material in front of an accepting crowd and use this time to experiment with their talents.

"I want the spirit of The Venue to celebrate originality, original thought and original work," said Dr. Crawford. "I don't want to hear just other people's stuff. I want to hear original work.... There's no competition here. Just get up there and share your stuff."

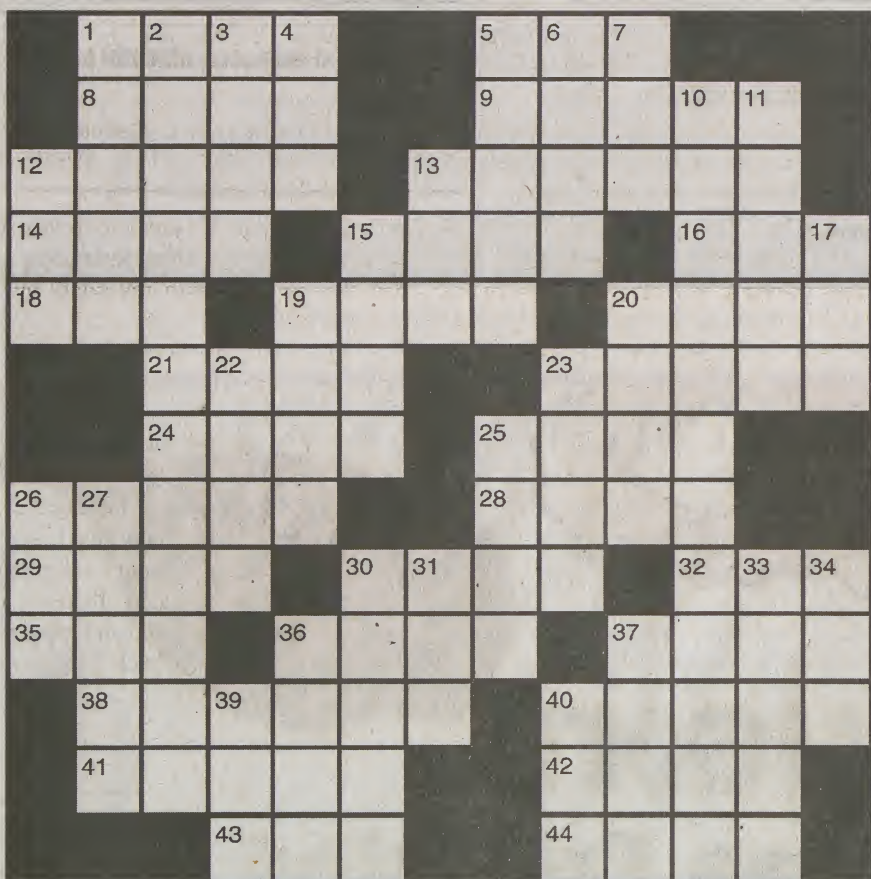
The upcoming dates of The Venue are Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Dec. 4. They are held in the Jean Browne Theater in the Wise Culture Arts building from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. The students can sign up on Dr. Crawford's door the week before the event or online via the facebook page for the TJC Venue. There are generally about 20 spots per Venue, so students are encouraged to sign up as quickly as possible.



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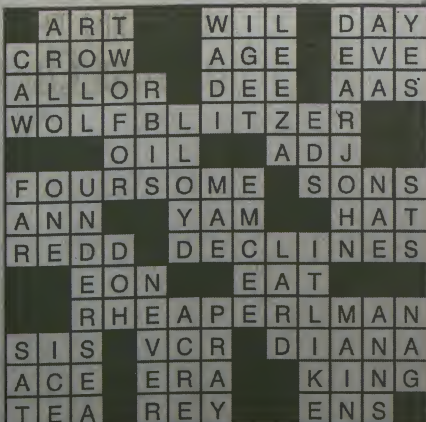
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- 37 Woodwind instrument
- 38 One of the twins on "Little People, Big World"
- 40 "Are We \_\_\_ Yet?"; Ice Cube film
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- 43 "How the West \_\_\_ Won"
- 44 Hindu exercise/meditation system

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- 4 "One \_\_\_ at a Time"
- 5 Taken \_\_\_; surprised
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- 7 "A Flea in Her \_\_\_"; movie for Rex Harrison and Rosemary Harris
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- 11 Garr and Hatcher
- 12 Fort Worth school, for short
- 13 "Catch Me If You \_\_\_"; Tom Hanks/Leonardo DiCaprio film
- 15 "A \_\_\_ of Two Cities"
- 17 Sylvester Stallone, familiarly
- 19 Pull along behind; tow
- 20 Singer Johnny \_\_\_
- 22 \_\_\_ May Clampett
- 23 \_\_\_ the floor; walk back and forth
- 25 "Let's \_\_\_ a Deal"
- 26 "Ice \_\_\_: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"
- 27 Instrument for Roy Clark on "Hee Haw"
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- 34 "\_\_\_ Willie Winkie"
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



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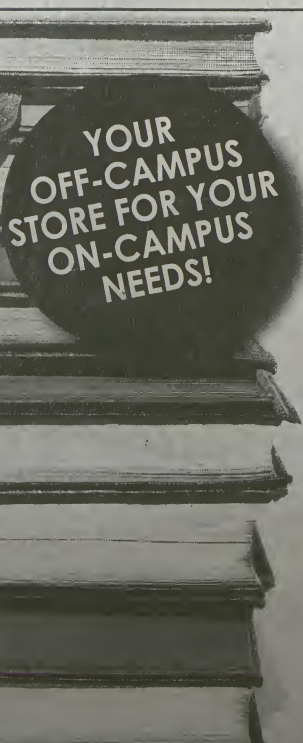
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Renovation

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construction sites, but also the scope of their project, followed by the cost and the schedule of their project, and sticking to it," said Bill King, the Executive Director of Facilities and Construction.

Work on the hot and chilled water loop on TJC's main campus will begin in the next 30-45 days and will conclude during Spring 2011. Although this will detour students, faculty and staff from their typical pathways, the crew plans to do the work in phases to cause the least possible inconvenience to students and teachers.

"The process will be done in stages. We may even build a land bridge for pedestrian access," said Kevin Jones, TJC Project and Maintenance supervisor.

The science labs in Genecov will begin renovations in January of 2011, and will cause the complete vacation of the building. The science labs will be relocated to portable classrooms about a block from the main campus, behind the new tennis courts.

"The science labs in Genecov date back to the 1960's, and renovation will cause vacating the largest building that we have over to what I like to call our "village in the woods." Everybody seems to be taking a very positive attitude, because they know that it is only temporary," said Metke.

Parking for the new off-campus portables has not been completely determined yet, but the Board hopes that all students will benefit from walking to and from their new science labs daily.

"There simply is not enough room for parking, we're thinking about expanding time between classes, maybe going from 10 to 15 minutes between each. We're all working on getting healthier and more fit as a campus, so walking a little bit further might help us achieve our fitness initiative," added Metke.

Also in the coming months, renovations will begin on the Hudnall Planetarium and academic center, which will be renamed TJC Planetarium. Reconstruction will begin in October, with a complete renovation of the planetarium and an added classroom.

"It's going to be like nothing you've ever seen before," said King.

For the safety of all during the coming construction, the renovations crew stresses the importance of students doing their best to steer clear of construction zones and hard hat areas.

"Our utmost priority is the safety of our students and staff. It's a necessary evil that we have to do, maintaining the integrity of this campus is high on my priority list," said Jones.

Other precautions should be taken during renovations on campus as well. Students should be prepared for parking lot access to be interrupted, as well as walking paths, disruptions to electrical utilities and intramural field access, and possible distractions to building entrances due to the necessary pulling up of sidewalks.

"In general, the less sitting areas and less passageways will seem like more of a hassle, and a more congested area. Speaking long-term, the less issues will make it better," said sophomore Raphael Books.

"I'm feeling good, hoping to leave TJC better than when I found it," added Metke. "I think that's what all of us hope to do."

Building

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With more space comes more confidence."

The lack of up-to-date equipment also leaves the students at a slight disadvantage when entering the work force.

"When students are learning with me they are using out-of-date equipment, only to go find jobs and have to relearn the use of in-date equipment," said Denise Hudson, a professor in the nursing program. "It's difficult."

Currently, the nursing program is using four different rooms as lab, lecture and testing rooms between the 230 students currently enrolled in the program. The idea of a new building is exciting to the first-year nursing class because they would be the first class that began in the new Allied Health facility. But it also brings some confusion, as the current students wonder why the Allied Health programs are being overlooked for funding. Boasting an impressive 80 percent retention rate in nursing, along with the attention the Allied Health programs have received for academic excellence, TJC's Nursing and Allied Health programs can only sit and wait for proper funding to make the dream a reality.

"With TJC's growing population, as well as the city of Tyler, why wouldn't you want to put money into a program that is so successful," said Brindra Lekhray, first-year nursing student.

Although a donor or a funding package will eventually become available, it will be at a hefty price. According to a report submitted to the TJC Board of Trustees, the new building would be six stories tall and approximately 110,000 square feet, which brings the price tag to \$42 million plus. The building will be located on the west side of campus near the medical community of South Fleishel Avenue between East Second and East Fifth streets. The plan includes more up-to-date technology for students and faculty, bigger classrooms, bigger labs for simulations, study areas, conference rooms, and training facilities.

Although the future is uncertain about when this highly anticipated project would begin, students and faculty for the Nursing program are still very appreciative of the opportunities they are given.

"It becomes a culture as a junior college to accept whoever and whatever comes our way, and to make due because it's the right thing to do," said Garcia. "We are appreciative for what we have."

Change

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feel protected with the new camera system because they work 24/7 and will help to solve crime," said student Dunn R. Arante.

Opinions range from a stupid and unnecessary new regulation to an essential and crucial safety procedure that in the future will make TJC a safer and better campus.

"The IDs will help us start identifying who is a student and who is not, the lanyards will help us to identify who those people are," said Johnson.

On Sept. 1, multiple officers were standing outside Rogers Student Center stopping students who were not wearing lanyards and writing down their A numbers. Some students did not like it and, with an expression of disapproval on their

faces provided the information to the officers.

"With the implementation of the lanyard students now, can have a better and environment and focus more on learning," said Johnson. "That is our first achievement in the many positive result we are hoping to get."

According to campus safety, in the last two weeks they gave more than 13 criminal trespasses for people who should not be on campus. Campus safety has received compliments from staff members and students who according to campus reports feel safer with the actions taken in TJC.

"I am agreeing with the new policy to wear lanyards, but they should do something to provide security in the parking lots during the nights," said student Mar-

cela Rodezno.

Tyler Junior College will implement a new lighting system on the whole campus. These will provide better visibility to police officers and possible witnesses to crime. Campus Safety has also increased their regular patrols and bike patrols. These two changes were implemented to prevent crime and provide a safer environment for students who attend during the nights.

"We are increasing staff, light system and use technology to provide the very best and provide protection to our students at TJC," said Johnny Moore, Vice President of Students affairs.

For more information on Campus Safety and their efforts to make TJC a safer campus, contact the Campus Safety office at (903) 510-2310.

Courses

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level and they weren't ready, they would have paid for the credit courses failed them, then have had to pay for them again," said Lisa Harper, Dean of Academic Foundations.

If the students are having trouble with College Prep, they are encouraged to go see the Success Coordinator Jaquitta Bol in Potter Hall, who can assist with finding other alternatives.

To get out of College Prep, students have to first go through the classes. They can go to the testing center at any point in the semester and test out if they feel they have learned enough. The testing center will have them take the Accu-Placer or the THEA to determine where they are or if they have improved academic wise. If he or she earns a passing grade, the student will be able to move up a level the following semester and eventually progress to credit-level courses.

Some people feel insecure about being in College Prep; as if they are not as smart as the other college students. However, this is what college prep is designed for, to give the students confidence in their work.

"We're here to help them go and get their degree just like anybody else, and if we weren't here, they may not have that opportunity," said Ashley Prince, Office Records coordinator for Academic Foundations.

Students who found the curriculum complex in high school can use this opportunity to advance in the college level.

"If they were having a difficult time in high school, then maybe college prep would be good for them to take because it would be a refresher course," said student Robert Fair. "They would be prepared when they take regular college classes."

"One thing that would help, is when we get applications in and we know people that apply and want to come to TJC, we should send out a letter that explains what the placement test is and give the places to go online to get sample tests," Harper said. "Then people would know up-front that the test was coming so they could study and brush up on their skills, then less people would end up in college prep."

For more information, contact the School of Academic Foundations office in Potter Hall, Room 105. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, during long terms.



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- 1. Want to 'catch' people in the act?**
  - Then pick up your supply of TJC/East Texas Friendly wooden nickels from the Student Life Office.
  - Give a wooden nickel to anyone you see "doing it right" and promoting our East Texas Friendly ways.
- 2. Got 'caught?'**
  - Take your wooden nickel to the Student Life Office.
  - Fill out a short information form to receive a **food coupon** and be entered into the weekly drawing.

**Each semester, there will be three winners determined from all the returned wooden nickels.**

A) 'Second Chance' random draw.  
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